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ABSTRACT

Only recently has the research on postpartum depression dealt with the disorder's effects on child development. This book explores the impact of postpartum depression on mother-infant interaction and child development, its treatment, and postpartum psychosis. The chapters are: (1) "The Nature of Postpartum Depressive Disorders" (Michael O'Hara); (2) "Fragile Aspects of Early Social Integration" (Hanus Papousek and Mechthild Papousek); (3) "Depressed Mothers and Infants: Failure To Form Dyadic States of Consciousness" (E. Tronick and M. Katherine Weinberg); (4) "Postpartum Depression and Cognitive Development" (Dale Hay); (5) "The Role of Infant and Maternal Factors in Postpartum Depression, Mother-Infant Interactions, and Infant Outcomes" (Lynne Murray and Peter Cooper); (6) "Maternal Cognitions as Mediators of Child Outcomes in the Context of Postpartum Depression" (Douglas Teti and Donna Gelfand); (7) "The Timing and Chronicity of Postpartum Depression: Implications for Infant Development" (Susan Campbell and Jeffrey Cohn); (8) "The Impact of Psychological Treatments of Postpartum Depression on Maternal Mood and Infant Development" (Peter Cooper and Lynne Murray); (9) "The Treatment of Depressed Mothers and Their Infants" (Tiffany Field); (10) "Psychodynamic Perspectives on the Treatment of Postpartum Depression" (Bertrand Cramer); (11) "The Impact of Postpartum Affective Psychosis on the Child" (Alison Hipwell and Channi Kumar); and (12) Afterword--"Maternal Depression and Infant Development: Cause and Consequence; Sensitivity and Specificity" (Michael Rutter). Each chapter contains references. (KB)

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